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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: ASSIGNMENT OF NAMES TO GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYERS

1. Purpose. To advise addressees of the approved names for four guided missile destroyers authorized for construction.
2. Classification and Name. The following names are hereby effective:

CLASSIFICATION

NAME

DDG 85
DDG 86
DDG 87
DDG 88

MCCAMPBELL
SHOUP
MASON
PREBLE

3. Name Sources

a. MCCAMPBELL (DDG 85) honors Captain David McCampbell, USN (1910-1996), the Navy's top ace with 34 confirmed aerial victories and recipient of the Medal of Honor while serving as Commander Air Group 15, in ESSEX (CV 9) during the Battle of the Philippine Sea (19 June 1944) and the Battle of Leyte Gulf (24 October 1944). During the first encounter, Captain McCampbell's force "virtually annihilated" a force of 80 Japanese carrier-based aircraft. He personally accounted for seven of the enemy. At Leyte Gulf, he attacked over 60 Japanese land-based aircraft, shot down at least nine of their number, and forced the remainder to abandon their attack. In addition to the Medal of Honor, Captain McCampbell received the Navy Cross, Silver Star, and Distinguished Flying Cross. No previous Navy ship has been named MCCAMPBELL.

b. SHOUP (DDG 86) honors General David M. Shoup, USMC (1904-1983), 22nd Commandant of the Marine Corps (1959-1963) and recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions while in command of all Marine Corps troops on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll from 20 to 22 November 1943. Then Colonel Shoup suffered a serious leg wound during the initial landings, yet continued to carry out his leadership duties and expose himself to withering enemy fire. No

previous Navy ship has been named SHOUP, although SGT. CURTIS F. SHOUP (AG 175) (1945-1970) served the most significant portion of her career as an oceanographic vessel with the Military Sea Transportation Service.

c. MASON (DDG 87) honors John Young Mason (1799-1859) who served as Secretary of the Navy for President Tyler (1844-1845) and President Polk (1846-1849), and Ensign Newton Henry Mason, USNR (1918-1942) who received a posthumous Distinguished Flying Cross after being shot down during the Battle of the Coral Sea (8-9 May 1942). The first MASON (DD 191) (1920-1941), named for John Young Mason, was transferred to Great Britain in 1940 as part of the "Destroyers for Bases" executive agreement. The second MASON (DE 529) (1944-1945), named for Ensign Mason, was the first Navy ship with a predominantly African-American crew. She served as a convoy escort in the Atlantic and Mediterranean during the latter stages of World War II.

d. PREBLE (DDG 88) honors Commodore Edward Preble, USN (1761-1807) best known for his command of a squadron during the Barbar Wars (1803-1804). Preble served in the State Navy of Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War, and entered the new Federal Navy in 1798. He commanded the brig PICKERING and frigate ESSEX in protection of American shipping during the undeclared naval "Quasi-War" with revolutionary France. Given command of the frigate CONSTITUTION, and of a naval squadron, in 1803, he operated vigorously against Tripoli, which had declared war on the United States and had preyed on American merchantmen. Preble's actions strongly affected Tripoli's decision to sign a peace treaty, and Congress voted to give him a gold medal for this service. Preble is credited with the professional formation of a number of young officers who later distinguished themselves in combat command during the War of 1812. Five previous ships have been named Preble: A sloop (1813-1815) took part in the Battle of Lake Champlain; a sloop-of-war (1840-1863) served in the Mexican War and the Civil War; Destroyer No. 12 (1903-1919) screened Atlantic convoys during World War I; a destroyer (DD 345) (1920-1945) earned eight battle stars for minelaying, minesweeping, and convoy escort duties in the Pacific during World War II; and a guided missile destroyer (DLG 15/DDG 46) (1960-1991) served in Vietnam.


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